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JOINT HISTORY COMMITTEE
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Information Desired Respecting Histories in use in Alabama Schools and Colleges.

To County and City Superintendents, and Teachers of Alabama:

The undersigned, constituting a Joint Historical Committee for the United Confederate Veterans, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, earnestly urge your co-operation in its work. The efforts of the Committee are particularly directed to the encouragement of a more serious and general study, in the home and schools, of the history of the great contest between the Confederate States and the United States, the better preservation of all the facts, events and incidents of its history, the correction of errors in relation thereto in published works, especially school books, and the stimulation, through a study of the war, of a broader and more intelligent patriotism.

While every phase of the work outlined is important, the Committee is at present especially desirous of obtaining information as to what histories are in use in the various schools and colleges of the State.

You will, therefore, greatly facilitate the work of the Committee by *promptly* communicating to the Chairman a list of the titles of all of the books, in *any way* involving the history of the United States, in use in the school or college, with which you are connected, or under your superintendence. Let the list include works on American literature, books used for collateral reading, supplementary readers, books of recitations, etc.

This inquiry is made in no mere inquisitive or intrusive sense, but solely to obtain information. After it has been ascertained what books are in use, they will all be carefully and critically examined, in order that errors may be pointed out and recommendations made. The Committee wish it understood that its several members have no preconceived opinions or prejudices. They are interested solely in the truth of history, and in the effort to eliminate false teachings.

Communications should be addressed to the Chairman.

THOMAS M. OWEN, *Chairman.*

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